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THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

København, den 20 MAJ 1998

His Excellency, Mr. Andrus Öövel,
Minister of Defence of the Republic of Estonia

His Excellency, Mr. Tālavs Jundzis,
Minister of Defence of the Republic of Latvia

His Excellency, Mr. Ceslovas Stankevičius,
Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania

His Excellency, Mr. Björn von Sydow,
Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Sweden

Dear Andreas

It is my pleasure to inform you that Denmark is willing to make Colonel Michael H. Clemmesen, Danish Army, available as Commandant of the Baltic Defence College from 1 August 1998, with the rank of Brigadier General.

For your information I enclose the curriculum vitae of Colonel M.H. Clemmesen.

Yours Sincerely

Hans

Hans Hækkerup

Hr Öövel
Kopia:
Hr Kolga
Hr Praks

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Full Name: Michael Hesselholt Clemmesen

Born: 12th december 1944 in Copenhagen

Military Education:

1965-68	The Royal Danish Military Academy
1973-74	Tactical Course
1978-79	Command and General Staff Course II, in Copenhagen

Military Career:

1964	Enlisted
1965	Sergeant
1968	1st Lieutenant
1973	Captain
1979	Major
1987	Lieutenant Colonel
1994	Colonel
1998	Brigadier General

Service Record:

1969-72	2 IC/Company/The Royal Horse Guard
1973	Commander/Company/The Royal Horse Guard
1974-75	Squadron Commander/The Royal Horse Guard
1975-76	UN Observer/UNMOGIP
1976-78	Staff Officer/Logistic/Eastern Land Command and COMLANDZEALAND
1980-82	Staff Officer/Long-Term Planning Group/ HQ CHODDEN
1982-84	Teacher/Military History/The Royal Danish Military Academy
1984-86	Squadron Commander/The Royal Horse Guard
1986-87	Chief Operations/2. Zealand Regimental Combat Team
1987-88	Battalion Commander/Bornholm Regimental Combat Group
1988-90	Director Operations and Logistic/Defence College
1990	Director Political Science and Strategy/ Defence College
1994	Defence Attaché Estonia, Latvia and Lituania
1997	Defence Attaché Latvia
1998	Commandant Baltic Defence College

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The BALTDEFCOL Project Group
Dr. Nils Gyldén, Chairman

10 December 1997

Mr. Hans Haekkerup
Minister of Defence
Denmark

Dear Minister,

In connection with the Nordic Defence Ministers' meeting in Norway, on 24-25 November, I had the honour to present the status of the Baltic Defence College (BALTDEFCOL) project.

As to the first commandant of the College, there was a common Baltic Defence Ministers' desire that Col. Michael H. Clemmesen of Denmark be nominated. I could inform that this proposal had also gained full Nordic support.

As agreeed, the issue was then addressed at the BALTDEFCOL expanded Project group meeting in Tallinn on 8 December. I have the pleasure to inform you that Michael H. Clemmesen's name was unanimously consented to also by the non-Baltic, non-Nordic states, i.e. from Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, the UK and the USA.

I have the honour to leave the issue to your further consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Nils Gyldén
Director General

c.c: Mr. Andrus Öövel, Minister of Defence, Tallinn
Mr. Talavs Jundzis, Minister of Defence, Riga
Mr. Cesiovas Stankevicilus, MInister of Defence, Vilnius
Col. Michael H. Clemmesen, Royal Danish Embassy, Riga
Mr. Jukka Knuuti, Ministry of Defence, Helsinki
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REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Dr. Nils Gylden
Chairman of the
BALTDEFCOL Working Group
Ministry of Defence
Sweden

October 17, 1997
01-21/5194

I am very pleased that Sweden has decided to be a leading nation in assisting the establishment of the Baltic Defence College (BALTDEFCOL) in Tartu, Estonia. I believe that only through the joint efforts of the Baltic, Nordic and other supporting nations we can achieve the best results in implementing the project.

The Baltic Ministries of Defence have discussed the question of the future leadership of the college, namely the question of the position of the BALTDEFCOL Commandant. We share the view that this position should be occupied by a person with relevant educational background, military experience, profound knowledge of the Baltic region and the current state of development of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian national defence systems.

After having consultations with my colleagues in Latvia and Lithuania I would like to inform you about our common opinion that the Baltic States see Col. Michael H. Clemmesen, Danish Army, the current Danish Defence Attache to Latvia and former Defence Attache to all three Baltic States as the best possible candidate. While helping to coordinate the BALTDEFCOL project between the Baltic states Col. Clemmesen has already given an invaluable contribution to the preparation of the project and I am confident that through his nomination we can guarantee the future success of the college.

I would like to inform you that I am sending a letter concerning this issue to Mr. Hans Hækkerup, the Danish Minister of Defence. I sincerely hope that Sweden, as a leading nation of the project, will support the common wish of the Baltic states.

Sincerely yours,

Andrus Öövel
Minister

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REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

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October 7, 1997
Vilnius
No 13-3080

Dear Friend,

First of all I would like to express my full satisfaction with the work done for the preparation of establishment of Baltic Defence College (BALTDEFCOL) in Tartu, Estonia.

Now that the question of Commandant of BALTDEFCOL has arisen it is essential to note that such a position should be occupied by the person with relevant educational background, military experience, profound knowledge of the Baltic region and the current state of development of Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian national defence establishment, as well as strong professional interest in the project. That is why the opinion of the Ministry of National Defence of Lithuania is that Col. Michael Clemmesen, Danish Army, is the best of all possible alternatives to the post of BALTDEFCOL Commandant.

The assistance of Col.Clemmesen in reforming the defence structures of the Baltic states was and is enormous. I am confident that Col. Clemmesen being in the post of BALTDEFCOL Commandant will assure the future success of this project that, I believe, is of the great importance for our three Baltic states and will help us to build - up Baltic defence systems.

Česlovas Stankevičius
Minister

H.E. Mr. Andrus Öövel
Estonian Defence Minister

c.c. Col. M.H. Clemessen
Defence Attache

REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Tallinn, September 30, 1997

01-21/4936

I am very pleased for the work done by the representatives of the Ministries of Defence and the Defence Forces of our three Baltic states in preparing the establishment of Baltic Defence College (BALTDEFCOL). The progress we have achieved so far has to a great degree been also thanks to the efforts of Colonel Michael Clemmesen, Danish Army, who has been helping to coordinate our work.

Among the next steps to be taken in the framework of the BALTDEFCOL project is to agree among all the participating nations on the candidate to the post of BALTDEFCOL commandant. As a host nation of the future college Estonia would like to propose to present the candidacy of Colonel Clemmesen to this post. We believe he would be a perfect candidate and could in case of his nomination continue his invaluable assistance to the build-up of Baltic defence systems.

The Estonian Ministry of Defence has already received a letter from Mr. Edgars Rinkevičs, State Secretary of the Latvian Ministry of Defence, indicating Latvian support to the candidacy of Colonel Clemmesen. Therefore I would now like to ask your position in respect of the question of Baltic Defence College commandant.

In case of your positive answer to our proposal Estonia will inform the Swedish Ministry of Defence about the Baltic states joint position.

Andrus Öövel
Minister

H.E. Mr. Česlovas Stankevičius
Minister of National Defence
Republic of Lithuania

Copy : Mr. Talavs Jundzis, Latvian Minister of Defence
Col Michael Clemmesen

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Riga, September 19, 1997

Ministry of Defence
of the Republic of Estonia
Attn: Mr.Margus Kolga

Ministry of National Defence
of Republic of Lithuania
Attn: Pouilas Malanauskas

Dear friends,

I was pleased to learn about the outcome of the meeting of our representatives concerning BALTDEFCOL project. I am very pleased to inform you that the leadership of the Ministry of Defence and the National Armed forces of the Republic of Latvia supports Colonel Michael Clemmessen as a Chief of the Baltic Defence College.

Yours sincerely

Edgars Rinkēvičs
State Secretary

ec.: Col Michael Clemmessen

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